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Transmitted herewith are papers regarding the patent application of:

US Serial No. 09/646,624 **Applicant:** SmithKline Beecham Biologicals S.A. Inventor(s)/Applicant(s): Bruck, Claudine Elvire Marie; Cassart, Jean-Pol; Coche, Thierry; and Vinals-Bassols, Carlota **International Application No.:** PCT/EP99/01894 International Published Appln. No.: WO 99/49055 **International Filing Date:** 17 March 1999 **Priority Filing Date:** 20 March 1998 Thirty Month Date: 20 September 2000 Title: "HUMAN CASB12 POLYPEPTIDE, A SERINE PROTEASE"

1. THIS NEW APPLICATION IS A <u>NATIONAL STAGE</u>
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		One copy of PCT Request as filed.
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